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Majority prices were higher in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was at least steady in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to moderate with improvements expected for end of the week's first of the month. Food service was moderate to good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were in good balance to at times well cleared as plants resumed full time schedules following the holidays. In the parts structure, trading was limited to fair. Wings were tight and moving best, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/05/04-01/09/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	65.00-68.00	65.47	17	65.45	60
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.75	38	61.55	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.21	35
Denver	73.50	73.50	14	70.30	21
Detroit	58.00-60.00	59.57	14	63.22	45
Los Angeles	74.00	72.08	66	70.08	156
New York	63.00-65.00	64.04	23	64.22	51
Philadelphia	62.50-64.00	63.58	12	61.50	23
Pittsburgh	63.00-66.00	64.08	12	65.34	58
St. Louis	59.00	58.89	25	58.48	55
San Francisco	74.50	73.64	32	74.85	79

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/05/04	Change/Last Wk	12/29/03	01/06/03
658	65.75	0.18	65.57	61.08

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	63.00-64.00	63.64	31
Central	58.00-66.50	63.74	67
West	60.00-68.00	66.63	39

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	68.00-69.50	68.48	76
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,012	56.00-73.00	67.64

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POU)
LINE RUN TENDERS	199.50	1,264
BREASTS - B/S	169.00	4,722
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,381
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	976
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	6,852
WINGS	104.00	2,573

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance, although, the 3 pound and lighter birds were often noted in the best position. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were in a tight balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand following the holidays was fair to moderate, best for retail ads, active first of the month activities, and fill-in business. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared as plants resumed full time status. In the parts structure, wings were close to tight and moving well. Breast items were in a better balance with increased interest, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was good were features planned, otherwise moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was firm on wings and about steady on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-30.5 and 4/10s mainly 32.5, breast bone-in 76-87 and boneless 139-144, wings 106-109. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 62.05 down .13 and the volume reported at 28 loads was unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased slightly into St. Louis, unchanged elsewhere from previous week; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole broilers was steady. Offerings were limited for the fair trade interest. Retail demand slow to fair with improved consumer demand expected by week's end. Food service was mixed, mostly moderate and best into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable. Parts trade was limited overall with good demand on wings. Supplies of wings were tight, remaining parts were adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as sufficient in keeping seller offerings in good balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate. Wings were in a well balanced position. Boneless/skinless and bone-in breast were adequate to fully adequate for immediate delivery. Leg items were usually adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	61-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.09
NO. OF BOXES	9,232

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and unaggressive entering the week as dealers attempted to assess the market. Offerings of breast items were available. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Wings remained in very good balance. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, cautious on breast items and about steady on the balance.
ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		145	147.07	500,480
TENDERLOINS		145	144.20	97,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.24		138,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	77.88		128,200
LEGS	38-39	37.83		317,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.46		543,498
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.21		146,240
THIGHS	35-36	40.70		91,640
B/S THIGHS	85-86	92.14		70,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	94.21		160,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04		37,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.52		12,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.11		27,760

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	784	135.00-193.00	138-142	141.98
TENDERLOINS	126	115.00-193.00	155	154.47
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	601	25.00-28.00	25-26	26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,289	28.00-30.00	28-29	28.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	249	83.00-106.00	103-106	103.51
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	962	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.17

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/05	01/01	01/01	12/29	12/25
ALA	3,972	Holiday	Holiday	3,750	Holiday
ARK	5,437	(A)	(A)	5,468	Holiday
DELMARVA	2,230	Holiday	Holiday	2,331	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,031	(A)	(A)	1,991	Holiday
MISS	3,090	Holiday	Holiday	3,112	Holiday
NC	2,459	(A)	(A)	2,389	Holiday
TEXAS	2,472	(A)	(A)	2,453	Holiday
TOTAL	21,691	2,943	4.87	21,494	Holiday
MON	21,691 (B)			21,494 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jan 2003 is estimated to be 32,452,000 up 0.61 percent from a week ago and up 4.26 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,254,000; last year 31,127,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	882	135.00-223.00	136-139	144.23
TENDERLOINS	173	140.00-216.00	140-147	151.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	82.00-93.00	82-84	83.43
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	114	35.00-50.00	35-37	37.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	25.00-29.00	25-26	25.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	28.00-32.00	29-31	29.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	103.00-107.00	103-105	104.83
WINGS (CUT)	412	114.00-122.00	115-119	117.31
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 5, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50-56.00	53.02	52.62

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05-JAN-2004 TO 09-JAN-2004 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 159.00	137.00 - 147.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	76.00 - 100.00	76.00 - 81.00
LEGS	34.00 - 46.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	33.50 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 44.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	95.00 - 111.00	101.00 - 104.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 47.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-JAN-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-16.00	15.00-16.50	1,304,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.79	16.43		
15-20%				
RANGE	19.00	11.00-14.00	1,156,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	12.48		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-04.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9.5	8.5-9	8.61
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-JAN-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.25	10.00-14.00	1,096,800	607,200
WTD AVERAGE	15.25	10.79		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.5	8.5-9.5	8.95

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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